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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Richard H. Baum of San Juan Capistrano, California, formerly a longtime resident of Hinsdale, on February 24, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Baum was born on June 19, 1928 in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Baum was a graduate of Hinsdale High School and Drake University, where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon; and

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WHEREAS, Following his graduation, he worked in advertising and publishing for 21 years; he later worked in international trade as a senior economic attache for the Quebec government in both the Chicago and Los Angeles offices; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Baum served as president of the Hinsdale Public Library Board and, since 1987, was involved in the L. Frank Baum Family Trust, serving as trustee for the last seven years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Baum's knowledge and appreciation of history was surpassed only by his love for his wife, golf, and the Cubs; his left-handed swing earned him respect from Lemont's Cog Hill to Door County's Peninsula State Park; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Baum's passing will be deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Rosemary L.; his children, Gregory (Karen), Richard (Barbara), William (Karen), and James (Michelle); his grandchildren, Allison, Bryson, Grace, Griffin, Jennifer, Kyle, Sam, Sarah, Shauna, and Travis; and his sister, Anne (Robert) Noffke Howell; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Brenda

1 and Harry Neal; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
4 of Richard H. Baum along with all who knew and loved him and
5 extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Richard H. Baum with our deepest
9 sympathy.